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Self-Government be pleased to state whether orders have been passed on the resolution of the Salem municipality, No. R.O.C. 137 G.C. of 1922, dated the 25th December 1921, and the subsequent reminders sent on the 8th May 1922, 13th July 1922 and 13th September 1922 regarding water-supply to private houses in Salem ?

A.—The issue of final orders on the letter of the Chairman, Municipal Council, Salem, No. 137 G.C., dated 25th December 1921, regarding water-works by-laws, has been deferred pending the framing of the model by-laws on the subjct which the Government had then under consideration. The model by-laws on this and other subjects have since been drafted and will shortly be published for the guidance of all local bodies in framing their own regulations.

The further communications from the Chairman, referred to by the hon. Member, have been received and replied to.

Building grant to Salem College.

763 *Q.*—Rao Sahib S. Ellappa Chettiyar : With reference to question No. 423 and the reply thereto, dated the 1st September 1921, regarding a building grant to Salem College, will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) what action has been taken on the plans and estimates submitted to the Government by the Salem municipality under their letter No. R.O.C. 10 G.C. of 13th May 1922 ; and

(*b*) whether there is any likelihood of giving the promised grant for the building at an early date as the want of accommodation is very much felt ?

A.—In 1913 the Government undertook to construct from Provincial funds a new building for the Salem College, and plans and estimates for the building were prepared by the Public Works Department. Owing to the present financial stringency the scheme, which is estimated to cost over two lakhs, cannot be proceeded with.

Assignment of land to Arundhateyas.

764 *Q.*—Mr. L. C. Guruswami : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased—

(*a*) to state whether any poramboke lands set apart for assignment to the depressed classes have been assigned to the members of the Arundhateya (Madiga) community in the various districts of the Presidency since 1921 ; and

(*b*) if so, to lay on the table a statement showing the number of Arundhateyas who were benefited by these assignments and the extent of land assigned in each district ?

A.—No separate information is available for the extent of land granted to any particular section of the depressed classes.

Adi-Dravida member on the South Arcot District Board and Cuddalore Taluk Board.

765 *Q.*—Rao Bahadur M. C. Raja : With reference to the answer given by the Government to question No. 664, at the meeting of the Council on